

## News from the Office of

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Monroe County Executive



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## FREDERICK DOUGLASS GREATER ROCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ILLUMINATED GREEN IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS DURING 'OPERATION GREEN LIGHT'

(Rochester, NY) – Monroe County Executive Adam Bello announced that the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport and the entrance to the County Office Building will be illuminated green this Sunday as part of Operation Green Light, an initiative between Monroe County, the NYS Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association.

Operation Green Light's mission is to show support for veterans of all military conflicts, with a special emphasis on the veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. It also raises awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

"Illuminating our buildings and homes with green lights is just one way we can all show gratitude for the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans and their families," said Monroe County Executive Adam Bello. "We can all agree that the men and women who risked and sacrificed their lives fighting to protect our country, and our way of life, deserve our support. I encourage everyone to join with us in displaying a green light for our veterans."

Residents are encouraged to participate by simply changing one interior or exterior light bulb to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round.

Participants are also encouraged to share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

Visit <u>monroecounty.gov</u> or <u>nysac.org/operationgreenlight</u> for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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